

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Science Advisory Board (SAB)
Contaminated Sediments Science Plan (CSSP) Review Panel
Ariel Rios North, Room 6013¹
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington D.C.**

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

1. 8:30 am Welcome and opening remarks by SAB Staff Office Director (Dr. Vanessa Vu), Designated Federal Officer (Mr. Lawrence Martin), and Panel Chair (Dr. Mike McFarland)
2. 8:40 Introduction of CSSP Review Panel Members
3. 9:00 EPA CSSP Work Group Introductory Remarks by representative of EPA Science Policy Council (Mr. Michael Shapiro); Briefing (Dr. Lee Hofmann)
- 10:00 BREAK
4. 10:15 Public Comment Period (Dr. Robert Engler, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers)
5. 10:30 pm Developing Responses to EPA Charge to the SAB CSSP Review Panel:
 - 1) The Contaminated Sediments Science Plan (CSSP) is the first official Agency science plan of its kind designed to address a significant cross-agency environmental issue in a systematic and integrated fashion. Chapter One of the CSSP discusses the goals, objectives, and how the CSSP relates to the Agency's mandate. Are the goals and objectives of the plan understandable and appropriate to the subject, and does the CSSP adequately convey the need for such a planning document?
 - 2) Chapter Two of the CSSP provides an overview of the contaminated sediment problems and issues across the Agency. The brief description of issues in Chapter Two is meant to provide the overall context for the more detailed discussion of specific science needs given in Chapter Three. Are the major areas of contaminated sediments science identified in Chapters Two and Three (sediment site characterization, exposure assessment, human health effects and risk assessment, ecological effects and risk assessment, sediment remediation, baseline and post-remediation monitoring, risk communication, and information management and exchange activities) addressed adequately? Are any major areas missing?
 - 3a) Chapter Four provides the key recommendations for future Agency priority science activities, including research, from the identified research needs and discussion in Chapter Three. For each recommendation, critical U.S. EPA partners and the

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immediate or long-term nature of the science activity are proposed. Do the CSSP recommendations meet the CSSP's goals and objectives?

3b) Are the key recommendations clearly defined and appropriate to address the identified CSSP science needs, and are the priorities identified appropriate?

3c) Are the CSSP's recommendations responsive to the identified need for coordination, particularly intra-agency?

12:30 LUNCH

6. 2:00 Continued Development of Responses to EPA Charge to the SAB CSSP Review Panel

3:30 BREAK

7. 3:50 Continued Development of Responses to EPA Charge to the SAB CSSP Review Panel

8. 5:00 Summary of points of consensus/nonconsensus and schedule for following day's activities (Dr. Mike McFarland)

9. 5:30 ADJOURN (Time Approximate)

Thursday, October 31, 2002

The day's work will largely be devoted to drafting of the Panel's report to the SAB Executive Committee.

1. 8:00 am Committee discussion of non-consensus positions & redrafting of positions

10:30 BREAK

2. 10:45 Summary of principal findings of CSSP Review Panel & Panel discussion (Dr. Mike McFarland)

11:30 pm LUNCH

3. 1:00 Resolution of outstanding issues, redrafting

3:00 BREAK

4. 3:20 Final revisions and submission of draft Panel responses to charge questions (electronic and hardcopies) to DFO (Mr. Lawrence Martin); assignments for final draft as necessary

5. 5:00 ADJOURN (Time Approximate)

NOTE: A Future Teleconference Meeting is planned for November 22, from 2-4pm Eastern Time, to finalize the draft Panel report. The Panel may also determine that additional conference calls are required to complete the Panel's report. Those will be scheduled and announced in the Federal Register as necessary.